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Editor The Presbyterian,

My dear Sir:- I am sorry to read in such a fine paper, your assertion of the old "untruth" that Washington was profane at the battle of Monmouth - issue of March 17, p. 11.

Please refer to my book, "George Washington the Christian", chapter VIII, "Washington not Profane", p. 115.

Also, to his "Orders" to the army - same book, p. 44, "Profanity Forbidden"; Forbidden, p. 69; "Condemned", p. 83.

Chapter XV - "Did Washington Swear?"

I hope you will correct your statement, for the honor of Washington and the good of our young people.

Yours cordially, W. J. Johnstone.

May 9, 1932.

Rev. William J. Johnstone, D.D.,
2007 Iglehart Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Johnstone:

I thank you for your letter of May 2nd. Of course, I do not call myself an expert on the life of Washington and would have been glad to have read your book before I wrote. As concerning all our historic characters, there are many confusing statements. I am sorry.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

May 7, 1932.

Dr. C. A. Ingraham,
Cambridge,
New York.

Dear Dr. Ingraham:

I received your book telling of your life. I assure you it was very interesting and brought to my memory things that I had known in the past. My interest in Cambridge and the surrounding country is very great for my ancestors came from Washington County. I want at this late date to thank you most sincerely for sending me the book.

Yours cordially,

WCR*E

May 5, 1932.

Dr. G. A. Jameson,
310 Niagara Street,
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

I have received your letter and the enclosure. I am always glad to hear from you. I recall our few meetings with great pleasure. I know of nothing to do but to send the matter to the Board of Christian Education which has charge of the new hymnal.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

F. T. JOHNSTON
522 SO. EAST ST.
BUCYRUS, OHIO

April 26th 1932

W Courtland Robinson.
Philadelphia Penn .

Dear Mr Robinson.

I was pleased to receive your very satisfactory reply to my inquiry of some days ago, and also to learn that the writer on the S S Lesson topics in the Presbyterian is your Son. You may tell him how much I appreciate his exposition of the lesson.

Your article in the last issue of the paper on the "Big Brothe is at present very apropos.- I am enclosing a sheet of church notices in our city paper of the 23rd,and which are of a similar nature every week,

What are our churches coming to,and especially our own Presbyterian denomination when as they do,discontinue the Wednesday evening prayer service and also the Sunday evening service, except an hour in the early evening given to the young people,not so much to religious instruction as to teaching music that they can give an musical entertainment once a month.

This the session approves because the Pastor wants it that way and the Trustees tells the Pastor that it adds to the revenue of the church.

We are a city of around 11000 people,with a church membership of about 300 and which has had little change numerically for many years

Would not a Presbyterian""Big Brother" improve the situation by steping in and tell us what is wrong and impose a remedy.

The articles of the Rev Mark Matthews on the present condition are very true to the situation and the restricting of the self-assumed power of the trustees would I think be beneficial.

So the "Big Brother"Bf the proper type and forcefullness, is a very good sugestion and might be another "Teddys" big stick if weilde in the proper spirit.

This rambling letter is personal and not for publication.
PLEASE.

Sincerely.

F. T. Johnston

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April 18, 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Editor, The Presbyterian,
Philadlephia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson;-

I wonder if I might make a little inquiry of you, even though I understand of course that this is a matter entirely outside of your regular duties. I do this because of special conditions which I have discovered in seekimg to locate in a pastorate. Domyou happen to know of a church needing a Pastor and which may not be able possibly to raise at present a full salary, but which offers a good field for service? Or some church of larger size which may especially desire fully orthodox preaching and spiritual ministry?

Briefly, I am seeking to re-locate in a pastorate after several years in National Missions service, and have recently come East for that purpose, closing my work in South Dakota. Our relatives all live East. I have a large number of testimonials, among them letters from the leading men in that Synod as wells as from the Synod itself.

However, it seems very difficult-almost impossible- to get in contact with a church properly. Our system of course for Pastoral supply has almost completely broken down,,and what is worse is the politics and wire pulling for churches, and even the almost "closed shop" against western men, one Executive having the effrontery to say that his Synod takes that attitude.

All I want is an opportunity to be of service and a chance as a man among Ministers. I am thoroughly evangelical and missionary inclined, and have plenty of energy to put into the work. I feel that the times challenge us as never before and demand our best and all for the Kingdom of God. My inclination is to accept of some very needy field whether the financial support is up to the standard or not, especially as I am in a position with just myself and wife of being able to do so, thinking that this may be a duty.

Inhave understood that there are churches which are pastorless be cause they cannot meet requirements regularly financially, but it seems hopeless to try to get in contact, strange to say, with them through Vacancy and Supply Committees. If a "want adv" offering my service to such a church would be properly understood and not discounted, I might insert one with you. Or is there any other way of getting the idea to a church?

Please pardon my addressing you in this way. I think that it is the

fine spirit of helpfulness which I find as a reader of the Presbyterian that has inclined me to risk annoying you in this way. However, let me say that if it is not convenient for you to reply and offer a suggestion, I will quite understand it. After a great deal of prayer and considerable burden of anxiety seeking to find the way out, I have simply thought I would write you. Any suggestion you may make will be appreciated.

Of course I do not want this letter published in the Presbyterian as it is confidential in this form.

Very faithfully yours,

J. G. Johnston

May 3, 1932.

Rev. Joseph A. Johnston,
80 N. Allen Street,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Your letter was forwarded to me when I was in New York State for a few days. I note that you are seeking to find a place as pastor. I regret very much that I know of none available. I think most of the churches (smaller ones in particular) are crowded with applications. If I find opportunity to aid you, I shall be most happy to do so.

Yours most cordially,

WCR*E

April 14, 1932.

Mr. F. T. Johnston,
522 Southeast Street,
Bucyrus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

In reply to your letter of April 12th, the Board of Christian Education is the only authorized agency of our Church to furnish S. S. helps. Many churches use those published by other agencies but the Board of Christian Education is the only one authorized by us. Rev. John T. Faris is the editor.

(2). Rev. Harold McAfee Robinson and Rev. Stewart M. Robinson are in no wise related. The former is a man about fifty years of age. The latter is thirty-nine and happens to be my son. I am glad you like his work. There has been much criticism of the productions of the Board of Christian Education and Dr. Harold Robinson is very conscious of them and I believe means to improve them in so far as he is able. I know him well. I think he is sound in the faith and certainly is a man of more than ordinary ability.

I hope this answers your questions.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

F. T. JOHNSTON
522 SO. EAST ST.
BUCYRUS, OHIO

April 12th 1932

The Presbyterian Publishing Co
Philadelphia Penn .

Gentlemen:.

As a constant and carefull reader of your paper and also of the Sunday School lesson helps as they come to us in the Westminster magazines.

I am desirous of some information regarding our church publications, which I hope yuu will give .

Does the Board of Christion Education of the Presbyterian Church U S A furnish all the S S Helps that are now in use in the Church schools.

I am not so well pleased with some of the present contributions, those of Harald McAfee Robinson are not as satisfying as those of Stewart M Robinson on the S S Lessons of your staff, not with standing he has a middle name that is decidedly Presbyterian.

Are the two men of the same kin amd of a different age, writing in different ages. It so appears to me as I study their thoughts.-

You will please pardon my presumption in judging these two men, for I may be entirely wrong, But I was very partial to the old Westminster Teacher and other helps.

With very kind regards.

Sincerely.

F. T. Johnston

April 12, 1932.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

Enclosed please find another and much corrected article and substitute it for the other, if you will. Two professors at the Seminary have endorsed it. A third thought that there were several places not clear, and upon close reconsideration I have agreed with him and made numerous changes. I hope that it will not be too late to substitute this article as it is. I regret that the external form is so bad in places, but the meanings etc. are clear, I believe.

Sincerely,

F. D. Jenkins.

Princeton, N. J.
April 5, 1932.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

This note is to request the favor of your inserting the following sentence from the pen of Dr. West: "The teaching of Latin in the colleges is of a high character." Will you kindly add this, at the end of his statement, after the sentence, "There is no need to waver ..... etc."

The sentence is very essential to the reasoning.

Sincerely Yours,

E. A. [illegible]

WILLIAM W. JORDAN
427 BERKELY ROAD
HAVERFORD, PENNA.

January 14th, 1931.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
1217 Market Street, Phila, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sending you herewith a sketch entitiled "The Church of my Childhood", and shall be glad if you care to use it. An envelope is enclosed for its return if you do not. I appreciated your article in last week's issue on "Loyalty to the Church", and also your reference to Dr. Conrad of Boston. He is one of my old friends of many years standing. When he was in Worcester we were near each other, and he was often in our church. He has recently sent me the book of his 25th anniversary, and also his book on "Radiant Religion". I regard his work at Park Street Church as a remarkable achievement.

As you probably know, the church stands at the center of Boston's business section, with no homes near. At the time he took it, it was at a very low ebb in every way, but he has built it up into a church of outstanding strength, with great congregations morning and evening, a prayermeeting attendance of several hundred, and with many activities. He has very unusual power in different ways, but above all the power of profound belief in God, and in the truth.

For myself, I came to this vicinity after forty years in active ministry, and for nine years taught the English Bible department in Ursinus College, being compelled by poor health to resign last June, and in the same month having pneumonia followed by some months of illness. Am a member of Chester Presbytery but seldom able to attend its meetings. For the first years of residence here, preached often in supply in Philadelphia and suburbs, but am now laid aside from teaching or preaching, and therefore give more time to writing for publications. If strong enough would be glad to do more of it. All this is by way of introducing myself, since we have had contact through The Presbyterian. From as far north as Rhode Island and as far south as Texas there has come some kindly appreciation of my verse in your paper, though my own estimate of its quality is a very modest one.

Very sincerely yours,

William W. Jordan.

R. W. JOPLING
PASTOR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LANCASTER, S. C.

March 3, 1932.

Philadelphia Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brethren:-

I inclose a copy of our open letter to Dr. Hay Watson Smith, which I invite you to publish in your columns. I do this at the suggestion of Dr. A. V. Johnson, Pastor First Pres. Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Fraternally yours,

R. W. Jopling.

DR. CHARLES A. INGRAHAM
ELMWOOD FARM
CAMBRIDGE, N. Y.

March 26, 1932.

Rev. W.C.Robinson, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I was much gratified to find my article in this week's PRESBYTERIAN and to receive the extra copies, which I am sending around this morning to friends. I find that United Presbyterian ministers, of whom there are many in this county, take the paper to some extent, though they have their own denominational paper. I confess I had some doubts about my article getting into print, but while some will be likely to take exceptions to it, I think it would be difficult to deny its truth. I assure you that I am very grateful for having the privilege of expressing the ideas I set forth and I hope they will set people to thinking on the why and the wherefore of ecclesiastical affairs.

I send you in this mail a copy of my autobiography, "The Years of my Pilgrimage," in which I hope you will find allusions with which you are familiar, relating to men and events in this vicinity. A few friends wrote me that they had perused this book at one reading. Some have told me that I ought not to have introduced so many disparaging personal elements, but I was determined to tell of my life without prevarication so as to be able to say like Montaigne's preface to his essays, "Reader, thou hast here an honest book."

It was published by the Central Publishing House, of Cleveland, with whom I became acquainted through contributing many articles stories and poems to the Christian World (Dutch Reformed) which they published. The book is out of print and I have only a very few copies left of the 500 issued. I was impressed with the idea that I ought to issue this volume in duty to myself, for I honestly felt that it would not be right not to leave a record of my career, though a not very complimentary one.

The Presbyterian is running very finely and shows a neighborly and kindly spirit devoid of stilted attempts to show off in the realm of high scholarship, trying to amaze rather than to edify and help the reader. Speculative philosophy I suppose has its uses, although it has accomplished little - it is like speculating in stocks and bonds, very uncertain. The Church has all it can do to fulfill the obligations imposed by the simple teachings of the gospel, which are difficult to introduce and maintain.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely,

Charles A. Ingraham

March 25, 1932.

Mr. W. M. Johnson,
Delhi,
New York.

My dear Will,

We are shipping some trunks by express next Tuesday or Wednesday. I enclose a check for $7.00 which I think will pay the express charges and something for your trouble in addition. We hope that you can put the trunks in the house (Mrs. Geckle has the key) and take them upstairs which will save the old gentleman a heavy lift. I hope this will be all right for you.

Yours truly,

WCR*E

March 9, 1932.

Rev. W. H. Jordan,
1040 Park Avenue,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Last Monday I had a long talk with Harold Robinson who is Administrative Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and has been for many years my good friend. He is conservative. He told me of the struggle he had had and said that many things were done in the printing of their publications which he disapproved. He has eliminated many and proposes to eliminate more. I think the best thing is to constantly send letters of protest to John T. Faris who is the editor and most responsible. If enough do that I think he will see that matters will change.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

1040 Park Ave.
Omaha. Nebr
3-6-32

Dear Editor:

Note marked clipping from
Mch. 5-'32
Forward p. 79

Did this slip thru without the Editor's notice? or what sort of a book-reviewer serves on the Forward. I have always thought that Ruth Esther and Jonah are history. Surely David's great grandmother was not a mere character in fiction!

Cordially.

W.H. Jordan

pres. Omaha Bible Institute